

# Rush County Health Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 17, 2017, 7 PM

## Attendees:

Helen Steussy, MD- Health Officer

Fred Philips, DVM-Chairperson

Tai Morrell, NP-Vice Chairperson

Julie Newhouse- Attorney

Marge Amos- Nurse Supervisor

Absent- Dr. Russell Daugherty  
Kendra Steible

Carol Yager

Greg Pratt

Bruce Levi

Sherry McKinney- Office Manager

## Guest:

Lisa Senour-Reboulet

Dr. Philips called the meeting to order at 7:05PM

## Review of Minutes & Departmental Reports:

There were no corrections on the September minutes. Greg voted to accept the September minutes. Tai seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

The board went over the Departmental reports. No corrections were needed. Greg moved to accept the Nursing, Preparedness, Community Outreach, and the Environmental reports. Tai seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

## Financial Report:

Sherry told the board members that she needed to get an advance of \$15000.00 on next year's tax draw. She told them that what money we didn't use at the end of the year would carry over into the New Year. Tai made a motion to request the advance. Carol seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

## Phab Report:

Dr. Philips told the board that the PHAB annual report had been accepted. He then asked everyone to stand and give Marge and Dr. Steussy applause for the work they had done. Dr. Steussy then told the board that we still had things we had to do throughout the year for the PHAB annual report.

We need to have plans for Quality Improvements by January 2018. Dr. Steussy stated that they had a meeting with the staff and they are to come up with some ways they can improve the quality in the office and their positions. She also stated that the board should think of some improvements. There are four different categories she suggested we work on. They are:

1. Community-How can we improve the quality of services that we do for the community?
2. Operation- How can we improve the operation of the Health Department and the Health Board?
3. Finance- Increasing income or decreasing our expenses
4. Human Resource

Dr. Steussy also discussed some things that were discussed at the Health Symposium that she and Marge attended. One of the speakers discussed the Opioid epidemic. He had some ideas on how to decrease the opioid problem. He suggested having a “take back pill day”. Sometimes the Sheriff departments have these, but he stated that sometime people are intimidated by bringing drugs to this type of place. He suggested that maybe at a hospital or health department would be less intimidating. He said sometimes Doctors over prescribe these medications making it much easier to get hooked on them.

\*Staff to determine Quality Improvement project

\* Board to determine Quality Improvement project

\*Dr. Steussy and Marge to research Opioid: Take Back” Program

\*Dr. Steussy and Greg will research ways to decrease provider opioid prescriptions

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## Old Business

Dr. Steussy and Sherry looked at last month's minutes to see what action the board had taken that needed more attention, like the budget process. At last month's meeting Julie had talked about how the library had gotten with the DLGF (Department of Local Government Finance) and they helped them with their budget. Julie and Dr. Steussy talked about getting with the auditor and Greg made a motion for Julie and Dr. Steussy to speak with the auditor and discuss establishing a time to get a budget workshop with the DLGF. Carol seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

Dr. Steussy mentioned that the Council had added a “Council use only” line to the budget, which meant that the amounts the Council had cut from the budget was put in that line.

In a case where the department might need additional funds, they could go to the council and ask for special appropriation out of that fund.

- **Actions to be taken:**

- Dr. Steussy and Julie to meet with Auditor/DLGF workshop

## New Business:

Lisa Senour-Reboulet was at the meeting to let the board know she is still continuing the outreach with the Hope Center of Fayette County. Lisa said there was a change in directors at the center, but the previous director told the present director that we were still interested in the “I decide for me” program. This is a program for the fifth through twelfth graders teaching pregnancy prevention

and STI program for the students. Jennifer Cain, nursing coordinator for Rush County School Corporation, wanted to go before the school board to get it in the curriculum. It was too late to get it in the curriculum for this year, but it will be in the curriculum for the 2018-2019 school year. Lisa discussed the Indiana Quit Now line. She told the board it is the only option, but they have opened up the line to thirteen through seventeen year old youths. They will make weekly or bi-weekly contact with them to encourage them to stop smoking and they can call without a parent's permission.

Dr. Steussy said we need to do some research for more successful options to quit smoking. She would like to make that one of our Quality Improvements. She wants Lisa to research ways that were successful for others to quit smoking or to not even start

Dr. Steussy had a couple more things to go over. She told the board that she had received a couple of survey's back and she also asked if any board member's term was coming up. Tai and Kendra are both up this year and someone needs to get in touch with Kendra. It needs to go on the agenda for next month.

Bruce moves to adjourn the meeting. Tai seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Next meeting November 21, 2017, 7:00